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[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following Message, dated the 16th May 1954, from the Governor of Madras :—

' In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954, as passed by the Madras Legislative Assembly.'

III.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following Message, dated the 17th May 1954, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

The Madras Payment of Salaries and removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L. A. Bill No. 24 of 1954).

' In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifisations (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly, on the 17th May 1954, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council .' "

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. THE CHAIRMAN *RE* ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have further to inform the House that Sri T. G. Krishnamurthi, M.L.C., has been nominated for the election of one member to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1954–55 in the vacancy caused by the vacation of seat of Dr. C. Nathamuni Naidu, consequent on the expiration of his term of office of membership of the Legislative Council with effect from 20th April 1954.

" As Sri T. G. Krishnamurthi is the only candidate nominated for the vacancy to be filled, viz., one, I hereby declare him to have been duly elected to the Committee of Privileges."

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE FORESTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953 (L.A. BILL NO. 23 OF 1953).

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I beg to move—

' *That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill* [a], 1953 (*L.A. Bill No.* 23 *of* 1953), *as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration.*'

Sir, this is a simple Bill necessitated on account of certain difficulties experienced in the working of this Act. The object of the Bill is to preserve the forest wealth in the district of Malabar. Very valuable forests are owned there by private individuals. The Preservation of Private Forests Act prevented the indiscriminate felling of the trees. The permission of the Collector is necessary in any

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 197–198 infra.